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An Associated Press Newspaper

Effective World Control of Atom Again Urged By Truman in Talk At Laying of U. N. Cornerstone

59 Nations Join In Rites at New Headquarters
(Text of Truman Address on Page A-5.)

By Joseph A. Fox
Star Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—President Truman today appealed anew for effective international control to assure that atomic energy "will be devoted to man's welfare and not to his destruction."
Mr. Truman made the appeal as he joined with representatives of 59 nations in ceremonies laying the corner stone for the new United Nations headquarters on Manhattan's East Side.
In an address laying down a broad program for global peace and prosperity, the President declared:
"Respect for human rights, promotion of economic development and a system for control of weapons are requisite to the kind of world we seek. We cannot solve these problems overnight, but we must keep everlastingly working at them in order to reach our goal."
United Nations Day Marked.
The ceremonies marked observance of United Nations Day—the fourth anniversary of the effective date of the United Nations Charter.
Mr. Truman arrived in New York by special train at 11:15 a.m. and was greeted by a police-estimated crowd of 750,000 as the presidential motorcade drove by a roundabout route to the site of the U.N. headquarters.
On arriving at the scene of the ceremonies, Mr. Truman was greeted by Gov. Dewey of New York, who was opposing him for the presidency when the President visited New York a year ago.
After speaking with Gov. Dewey, Mr. Truman moved a few feet further on the platform for a warm handshake with the Russian foreign minister, Andrei Vishinsky, who was lined up with other U.N. vice presidents to welcome the President. Then Mr. Truman took his seat by Gov. Dewey.
Peaceful Solution Urged.
After the ceremony Mr. Truman was the honor guest at luncheon at Grace Mansion, official residence of Mayor William O'Dwyer. He will return to the Capital this evening.
Pleas for peaceful solution of the world's differences were made by other speakers participating in the ceremony.
Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine delegate and president of the U.N. General Assembly, declared the headquarters will be "the visible structure of the United Nations, the instrument by which humanity hopes to attain peace and the blessings of peace."
"The United Nations," Gen. Romulo added, "is the last sacred temple for the rediscovery of human brotherhood. We must remain at peace with one another—or die."
Lie Calls for Statesmanship.
U. N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie called for "acts of statesmanship and courage" in the support of the United Nations and emphasized that "only the success of the United Nations can prevent a third world war and achieve a lasting peace."
Warren R. Austin, United States

U. S. Envoys to Red Countries Open Cold War Strategy Talks

Diplomats From Behind Iron Curtain Convene in London for Discussion

By the Associated Press
LONDON, Oct. 24.—American diplomats from behind the Iron Curtain began secret strategy talks today on the East-West cold war.
In their two-day conferences, the United States envoys to Russia and her satellite states may discuss:
1. The feud between the Kremlin and Marshall Tito of Yugoslavia.
2. Tendencies—if any—of "Titoism," or revolt against Moscow, to spread to other Russian satellites in Eastern Europe.
3. The church-state disputes in Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.
4. The recent purge of thousands of Czechs by the Prague government.
5. The effect of the recent announcement of a Russian atomic explosion on general over-all policy toward Eastern Europe.
6. How to combat the anti-American propaganda drive of the Soviet group.
This first meeting of all the American envoys to Russian-dominated states was called by George W. Perkins, Assistant Secretary of State for European affairs.
Also attending was George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for public affairs. It is Mr. Allen's department which directs the voice of America broadcasts aimed at Eastern Europe.
Mr. Allen is expected here to become Ambassador to Yugoslavia, replacing Cavendish Cannon, who is retiring because of ill health.
Mr. Allen was Ambassador to Iran during the time the Persian government used troops to overthrow a Communist-led regime in Iranian Azerbaijan, on the Russian frontier.
Mr. Perkins said yesterday the envoys would not formulate policy. That is done by the State Department in Washington. The talks, however, will give Mr. Perkins a chance to get the personal views of the diplomats.
Diplomats attending the conference include Ambassador Alan G. Kirk, Moscow; Ellis O. Briggs and Joseph E. Jacobs, whom Briggs is replacing at Prague; Waldemar J. Gallman, Warsaw; David K. E. Bruce, Paris; and Mr. Cannon. Ministers include Nathaniel R. Davis, Budapest; Donald R. Heath, Sofia, and Rudolf E. Schoenfeld, Bucharest.

Attlee Slashes 784 Million Off British Spending

New Austerity Move Cuts Defense Costs And Free Medicine

By the Associated Press
LONDON, Oct. 24.—Prime Minister Attlee slashed dollar spending and defense costs and cut down on free medical services today to ease Britain's economic crisis.
The Prime Minister laid before the House of Commons a program which will mean that some food costs for hungry, rationed Britons will rise.
Mr. Attlee told the House of Commons he estimated cuts would save £280,000,000 (\$784,000,000) in Britain's 1949-1950 budget. The budget totals £3,300,000,000. The British pound now is worth \$2.80. It was devalued from \$4.03 on September 18.
Medical Fee Imposed.
Mr. Attlee said £30,000,000 of the savings will be in armed forces expenses of this nation, which holds a key position in the West's Atlantic Pact defense plans.
The leader of the Labor government announced he had slapped a fee on the bold and expensive public health service instituted by his party in July, 1948. From now on, patients must pay a shilling (14 cents) for prescriptions. Hitherto prescriptions have been free. Britons now pay a small weekly social security tax, of which eight pence (about 10 cents) goes to the medical service. Other taxes pay for the remainder of the program.
The Prime Minister also lopped millions from government administration expenses and capital expenses for new buildings, hospitals, schools and public works. This economy program is the Government's first announcement of policy since it devalued the pound. The House of Commons will debate the program Wednesday and Thursday.
Seeks to Counter Inflation.
"To counter the risk of inflation, we must reduce expenditure and increase production," Mr. Attlee told the House as crowds in the galleries hung on his words. Long



'Still Life in the United States'—By a Master Artist . . .

Shortage Seen Forcing Truman To Act in Strikes

Prospects for Early Settlement Still Dark; Lewis Returns Here

By James Y. Newton
Prospects for early settlement of the economy-pinching steel and soft coal strikes continued to be dark today and the only Government activity toward ending the twin walkouts was a mediation meeting with steel executives in New York.
Because shortages of coal and steel are adding to the list of unemployed each day—cutting deeper into the Nation's economic fabric—it still appeared likely that President Truman will be forced to take firm action, possibly by the end of the week. However, there was no sign at the White House that he was ready to step into the disputes at this time.
Officials were watching closely for peace bids in both industries, hopeful that public opinion and pressure from coal and steel customers would force either the embattled unions or employers to make a settlement offer.
Ching to See Big Steel.
Cyrus S. Ching, Federal mediator chief, was scheduled to meet again with United States Steel Corp. executives at 2:30 p.m. He conferred with Big Steel in New York three days last week in a vain search for a basis on which the 24-day steel strike could be settled.
There was no indication that President Philip Murray's striking United Steelworkers would give in on their flat demand for company-financed pensions and insurance, or that the steel companies would back away from the stand that the workers should contribute to the funds.
It appeared for a while yesterday that top officials held hopes for coal and steel settlements. A friend of the President's, Arthur C. Clarendon Smith, District Democratic leader, quoted Mr. Truman as predicting an end to both strikes within 10 days, but Mr. Smith said later the prediction was his own and not the President's.
Mr. Smith, a White House visitor Friday, spoke at a breakfast meeting of the District Democratic Club. Reporters understood Mr. Smith to have quoted the President as having told him: "We are right at the verge of two most prosperous years. I think both of these strikes will be settled within 10 days if not before and we are going to have prosperous times."
Misunderstood, He Says.
However, Mr. Smith said later: "It was my own prediction. I think I was misunderstood. If I wasn't, I made a mistake."
Mr. Murray, who heads the CIO as well as the steelworkers, was in Cleveland today for a series of meetings with the CIO high command prior to the opening of the organization's annual convention next Monday. It gave him an opportunity to review the

Bidault Is Third Man To Try to Pull France Out of 19-Day Crisis

Sentiment for Election Dims His Chances of Forming New Cabinet

By the Associated Press
PARIS, Oct. 24.—Georges Bidault, leader of the Popular Republicans (MRP), sought today to lead France out of a 19-day-old political crisis. His chances for success in forming a cabinet were dimmed considerably by mounting sentiment for a new national election.
The veteran negotiator and former foreign minister was the third man to try to form a government since disputes over wage and price policies toppled Premier Henri Queuille's cabinet.
Jules Moch, a Socialist, and Rene Mayer, a Radical Socialist, have tried and failed to rebuild the three-party coalition which has ruled France under various premiers since early in 1947. That coalition of Socialists, Radical Socialists (moderates) and Popular Republicans has steered France between Communism on the left and De Gaulleism on the right.
Designated by Auriol.
President Vincent Auriol designated Mr. Bidault as premier last night. As he emerged from the president's office, Mr. Bidault told reporters:
"Because of the length of the crisis, I judged it necessary not to employ any further delay. This is why I have definitely accepted."
"There are before us some international and financial obligations which require responsible men in the government."
These obligations include various European conferences coming up in Paris this week and next.
Normally the next election of the National Assembly would be in 1951. If France has to hold an election now to resolve the crisis, the Communists would be brought back into the government, at least temporarily. The constitution of the Fourth Republic requires that a cabinet representing all parties shall hold office while a new election is being organized. The Communists have been kept out of the government for two and a half years.
Election Would Aid De Gaulle.
On the surface, at least, a new election would appear to benefit Gen. Charles de Gaulle's Rally of the French People (RPF). Gen. De Gaulle's party was organized after the present Assembly was elected on November 10, 1946. He claims the current legislature no longer represents the political temper of the country.
However, there is a growing belief in the Socialist and Radical Socialist camps that both the De Gaulleists and the Communists are in a decline and that it would be good political tactics to have an election now. Such a belief works against Mr. Bidault's chances of forming a cabinet.
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Nationalists Deny Fall Of Kweilin in Reds' Drive on South China

Defense Ministry Even Insists Troops Have Not Entered Province

By the Associated Press
CHUNGKING, Oct. 24.—The Defense Ministry denied today that Kweilin had been abandoned to Communist troops trying to cut Nationalist South China in two.
In fact, it said, the Reds had not even entered Kweilin's Kwangsi Province at any point. This was in sharp variance with pro-Nationalist dispatches in Hong Kong. The reports placed the Communists within 7 miles of Kweilin, which is 250 miles northwest of fallen Canton. They indicated Gen. Pai Chung-hsi had moved headquarters for his 200,000-man Nationalist army 200 miles southwest to Yungning (Nanning), less than 100 miles from the Indo-China border.
Regime Is Transferred.
Officials in Chungking confirmed only that the Kwangsi provincial government had been

Bodies of 3 Soldiers Found In River Near Edgewood

By the Associated Press
EDGEWOOD, Md., Oct. 24.—The Army announced today the bodies of three young soldiers were found over the weekend in Gunpowder river near the Army Chemical Center.

They were identified as:
Pvt. Patricia M. Pena, 18, Laredo, Tex.; Pvt. Ricardo Ayila, 18, San Antonio, and Pvt. Juan B. Duran, 19, Santa Fe, N. Mex.
The three had been missing for a week. Examination by Army doctors showed they drowned. Buddies in the 95th Chemical Service Company said the three soldiers were inseparable friends. They last were seen together on the weekend of October 16.
Chemical Center spokesmen said it still is a mystery how they got out on the river and drowned. There were no marks of violence on their bodies or other indications of foul play.

Priest Dead Nine Million Years Dictated Book, Woman Says

By the Associated Press
LONDON, Oct. 24.—British author Frances Dale died today, but she insisted today that her last book really was written by a priest who has been dead thousands and thousands of years.

He lived, so said his ghost, on the continent of Atlantis which sank in the Atlantic Ocean a long time ago.
So certain is the 40-year-old writer that the book, which fairly flew from her fingertips, is none of her work that she told her astonished publisher that she will accept no royalties. Just a typist's fee is all she wants.
"I can't explain it," said Miss Dale, who has written nine novels, children's books and a cookbook. "But a voice inside me said 'write this down' and I just typed with exhausting speed. How that chap could dictate!"
The voice, she explained, identified itself as being that of a priest named Armatus, and he warned of dangers confronting civilization. She said she understood him to say he'd been dead 9,000,000 years. Too much, ma-

Rep. Thomas Ordered By Judge to Undergo Physical Examination

Walter Reed to Decide If He Can Stand Trial On U. S. Fraud Charges

Representative J. Parnell Thomas, Republican, of New Jersey, today was ordered by Judge Alexander Holtzoff of District Court to take a physical examination at Walter Reed Hospital to see if he is well enough to stand trial on long-pending fraud charges.
William Collins, attorney for the Representative who jumped into prominence as chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee which investigated communism in Hollywood two years ago, asked another postponement of the trial. He told Judge Holtzoff that Mr. Thomas' life would be endangered by the trial.
Judge Holtzoff said:
"There is no suggestion . . . that the trial would endanger his life. Doctors indicate that it might aggravate his condition, but that is as far as they go."
The examination will be held tomorrow at Walter Reed Hospital, on orders from Judge Holtzoff.
Trial Set for November.
The trial of Mr. Thomas now is set for November 7. He was indicted last November on charges of conspiracy to defraud the Government and on three counts of filing false claims in connection with his congressional payroll. His former secretary, Miss Helen Campbell, was indicted with him on the conspiracy charge.
He was to have gone on trial last January, but was stricken with abdominal trouble.
Judge Holtzoff seemed impressed by the argument against another continuance made by United States Attorney George Morris Fay, who said:
"Last June, when Walter Reed Hospital discharged this defendant, they said that if he had been in the Army he would have been ordered back to full duty. From their point of view, he was completely cured."
Doctors Give Affidavits.
Judge Holtzoff had before him affidavits of at least two private physicians suggesting that the trial would impair Mr. Thomas' health. He said he would not grant a continuance on "the showing made."
However, he agreed that Mr. Thomas should have a physical examination at Walter Reed Hospital and ordered Mr. Collins to have the Congressman at the hospital tomorrow for the examination.

Rep. Thomas Ordered Coolest Weather of Fall Expected Here Tonight

By Judge to Undergo Physical Examination

Coolest weather of the season is expected to descend on the Washington area today, the Weather Bureau said today.
Temperatures ranging from 45 in the city down to 40 in the suburbs are predicted, and tomorrow will remain cool, the forecaster said. Last Friday's 46 degrees is the low so far this fall. The cool air, moving in from Western Canada, deposited traces of snow in Montana but won't bring any this far, the experts said.
Today's maximum temperature was expected to be about 65. Tomorrow will be mostly cloudy with some rain likely by night, the bureau said.

Operating Employees Report to Work on Missouri Pacific

Railroad Hopes to Make First Run Today as 45-Day Strike Ends

By the Associated Press
ST. LOUIS, Oct. 24.—The Missouri Pacific Railroad's operating employees began reporting back to work today.
They had been on strike for 45 days—one of the longest work stoppages on a major line in the Nation's history.
The back-to-work movement involved engineers, firemen, trainmen and conductors.
Non-operating employees—porters, maintenance men and the like—will get back to their jobs when the trains start to roll. This might be possible today, company officials said.
First Run Uncertain.
They did not know, however, where the first train would be made up. That depends, they explained, on rolling stock inspections which are now under way.
The strike was settled yesterday.
It cost the railroad, workers and businesses in 10 States many millions of dollars.
The strike ended after submission of a union proposal for settlement of 93 grievances by arbitration under the Railway Labor Act and by the Railroad Adjustment Board. The nature of the claims and the wishes of the union will determine whether the grievances will be settled under the act or by the board.
282 Original Claims.
Originally there were 282 claims based on differing interpretations of working rules, but 189 were settled by lengthy negotiation after the strike started. Basic hours and wages were not involved.
Paul J. Neff, chief executive officer of the railroad, said operations could not return to normal immediately over the 7,200-mile. (See MISSOURI PACIFIC, P. A-4.)

100,000 Meat Workers Walk Out in Argentina

By the Associated Press
BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 24.—A 24-hour strike of 100,000 meat workers began early today in protest against lay-offs in the industry.

The meat workers had been staging hour-and-a-half stoppages since Thursday. The strikes have been aimed at the Ministry of Labor, which had authorized the Swift Packing Co. at Rosario to lay off 250 men because of lack of work.
The workers have demanded that the government of President Peron return to the former policy of making layoffs the subject of union-management-government negotiation. The government has refused to deal with the strikers until they return to normal work.
Other strikes are annoying the awed pro-labor Peron government. A thousand sugar workers have been on strike in the north, supported by a sympathy walkout of municipal employees. The city government at Tucuman began firing civil servants who did not return to work as directed.
Provincial transportation workers have voted a general strike for November 5 unless the government increases minimum fares 100 per cent.

Late News Bulletins

Jury Clears Policeman

A coroner's jury today took less than 10 minutes to rule that the shooting of Thornton A. Howard, 32, colored, 2236 Eleventh street N.W., by a policeman was justifiable homicide. Howard was shot four times yesterday when he attacked Police Pvt. Harold V. Teague, 24, of the Thirteenth Precinct.
(Earlier Story Page B-1.)

Intimidation Charged

Assistant United States Attorney William Hitz said in District Court today that a Government witness in a gambling case had expressed fear for his safety and that another had been threatened with violence. Mr. Hitz' statement was made at a hearing in which William "Snags" Lewis and 13 others accused of gambling violations failed in an attempt to quash the charges. The witness who had been threatened was Bernice Franklin, a key witness before the grand jury investigating gambling here last spring, Mr. Hitz said.

Cattle Prices at New High

CHICAGO, Oct. 24 (AP)—Cattle prices set a new 1949 high today and the top price on hogs fell to the lowest level in three years.

Four loads of choice to prime steers brought \$39 a hundred pounds, up \$1 from last week's top and the best price paid for steers since November, 1948. The top on hogs was \$18.10, a new low, since OPA ceilings were removed October 15, 1946.
Gen. Palffy Is Hanged
BUDAPEST, Hungary, Oct. 24 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Gyorgy Palffy, once Hungary's highest army officer, was hanged today. He had been convicted by the Communist-led government of treason.
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Sailor Killed, 31 Injured As Bus Hits Steel Truck

By the Associated Press
PAOLI, Pa., Oct. 24.—A Greyhound bus and a tractor-trailer loaded with 33,000 pounds of steel collided a mile and a half west of here today, killing one person and injuring 31 others.

State police identified the dead man as Stephen H. Chapley, Jr., 18-year-old sailor who was returning to the cruiser Roanoke from his home in Uniontown, Pa.
The trailer, laden with sheet steel, cut through the right front side of the bus, pinning several passengers in their seats.
The injured were taken to hospitals in this suburban area 30 miles west of Philadelphia.
Front windows of the Pittsburgh-Philadelphia bus were shattered by the impact and the exit entrance door at the right front corner was crumpled against the trailer. Passengers left the bus through the emergency door at the rear.

\$80,000,000 Art Collection Of Hapsburgs Unloaded Here

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More than a score of sailors and stevedores carefully deposited an \$80,000,000 art cargo from Austria on American shores here today.
The slow, cautious unloading of the centuries-old collection of art treasures got underway shortly after 8 a.m. at the Naval Gun Factory, where the U. S. S. Malabar—a refrigerated supply ship—had docked yesterday.
Racking Navy officers, Austrian diplomats and officials of the National Gallery of Art came to watch the precarious job. On deck "The Voice of America" broadcast descriptions of the scene on the ship.
The famous collection was loaned by the Austrian government as a good will gesture. It goes on exhibition at the National Gallery of Art on November 20. Two men never took their eyes

Are You Looking for a Truck for Sale?

The classified ad section of The Star is the place to look if you are in the market for a truck.

Classified ads offering trucks for sale numbered 7,628 more in The Star than in the three other Washington newspapers combined during the first nine months of this year.
For all kinds of goods and services always remember to consult Washington's leading classified medium—THE STAR.

200 Reported Killed In Polish Train Wreck

By the Associated Press
WARSAW, Poland, Oct. 24.—Unofficial but reliable reports said today more than 200 persons were killed in a train wreck Saturday near Nowy Dwor, northeast of Warsaw.

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